

In the Claims:

Kindly amend claims 1-3 and 6-15 as follows:

1. (Amended) A sterilizer comprising:
an anti-microbial material including a base ingredient and a volatile anti-microbial agent impregnated in said base ingredient;
an air-permeable capsule encapsulating said anti-microbial material;
a container having ventilation apertures provided in a surface thereof, said capsule being accommodate within said container; and
a peelable film provided over said surface of said container having said ventilation apertures.
2. (Amended) The sterilizer according to claim 1, wherein a space is provided between said capsule and said surface of said container having said ventilation apertures.
3. (Amended) The sterilizer according to claim 1, wherein said capsule is double-sealed at both ends thereof.
6. (Amended) The sterilizer according to claim 5, wherein said anti-microbial material includes a higher concentration of said aromatic substance than said anti-microbial agent.
7. (Amended) The sterilizer according to claim 1, wherein said anti-microbial material further includes two aromatic substances.
8. (Amended) The sterilizer according to claim 5, wherein said aromatic substance is an herb-type aromatic substance.
9. (Amended) The sterilizer according to claim 7, wherein said two aromatic substances include a herb-type aromatic substance and a citrus-type aromatic substance.

10. (Amended) The sterilizer according to claim 5, wherein a space is provided between said film and said surface of said container having said ventilation apertures.

11. (Amended) A refrigerator comprising:

a chamber for storing foods;

a blower for conveying a chilled air throughout said chamber; and

a sterilizer comprising:

an anti-microbial material including a base ingredient and a volatile anti-microbial agent impregnated in said base ingredient;

an air-permeable capsule encapsulating said anti-microbial material;

a container having ventilation apertures provided in a surface thereof, said capsule being accommodated with said container; and

a peelable film provided over said surface of said container having said ventilation apertures;

wherein said sterilizer is located in a chilled-air passage for channeling the chilled air conveyed by said blower.

12. (Amended) A refrigerator comprising:

a vegetable cooling chamber for storing at least one of vegetables and fruits; and

a sterilizer comprising:

an anti-microbial material including a base ingredient and a volatile anti-microbial agent impregnated in said base ingredient;

an air-permeable capsule encapsulating said anti-microbial material;

a container having ventilation apertures provided in a surface thereof, said capsule being accommodated within said container; and

a peelable film provided over said surface of said container having said ventilation apertures;

wherein said sterilizer is located in said vegetable cooling chamber.

14. (Amended) The sterilizer according to claim 6, wherein a space is provided between said film and said surface of said container having said ventilation apertures.

15. (Amended) The sterilizer according to claim 7, wherein a space is provided between said film and said surface of said container having said ventilation apertures.

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